



16th Judicial Circuit, Jackson County, Missouri

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Jackson County Public Administrator Appointed by the Court

A veteran of the Jackson County Public Administrator's office was appointed this afternoon by the Judges of the Jackson County Circuit Court to be its new Administrator. John P. Killian was appointed to a 4-year term of office.

Killian has 16 years of experience in the Public Administrator's Office, and has served as its Chief Deputy and Litigation Counsel since 2003. He first joined the Office in August 1995 as a Staff Attorney and worked there until May 1999.

Killian's experience in the probate field also includes litigating cases in Juvenile Court on behalf of the Division of Family Services for the Missouri Department of Social Services, and working as a litigator in private practice.

He is looking forward to his new position. "I am very excited and a little bit daunted," Killian said. "There is a lot of work to do."

"The Public Administrator's Office handles most of the medical issues, end of life issues, placement issues and financial issues for anyone who might need a guardian and who doesn't have one. There are situations where family is not available. We handle decedent's estates as well."

Killian is a 1991 graduate of the University Of Missouri- Kansas City School Of Law. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Oklahoma in 1987.

Under the Jackson County Charter, the Public Administrator is appointed by the judges of the Circuit Court. However, the administrator is a charter officer of Jackson County. Killian will assume the duties of the office after bonding is arranged and he has taken the oath of office.

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